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# President Obama signs disaster declaration for Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott, Warrick and Washington counties

Governor Mitch Daniels was notified last night that President Barack Obama has approved federal assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses in six Indiana counties in southern Indiana affected by tornadoes and severe storms from February 29 to March 3.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott, Warrick and Washington counties.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in those counties can begin applying for assistance now by registering online atwww.fema.gov/assistance or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available 24 hours a day.

The state opened a one-stop shop Wednesday in Sellersburg that helps connect tornado victims with state services, such as the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Insurance, and the Family and Social Services Administration. The center is located on the first floor of Ogle Hall at the Ivy Tech campus in Sellersburg (I-65 Exit 9) and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency also will provide assistance to those applying for federal assistance at the Sellersburg site.

# **Building permit** fees waived

Clark County has waived building permit fees in areas affected by the severe weather and tornadoes.

Homeowners still need to apply and receive a building permit before construction can begin, but the permits will be issued at no cost.

The fee still applies for homeowners using a contractor or work being done outside the affected area.

Remember to check with your mortgage lender before you begin repair work or you contract any repairs.

#### **Road Closures**

- S.R. 62 near Friendship at Ripley/Dearborn co. border.
- S.R. 160 EB west of Henryville at I-65 local traffic only
- **U.S. 31** from S.R. 356 to S.R. 403
- U.S. 31 from S.R. 356 to Memphis Road
- **S.R. 362** from S.R. 3 to S.R. 62 For more information, go to <a href="http://indot.carsprogram.org">http://indot.carsprogram.org</a> or call 800-261-ROAD (7623).

Call 2-1-1 to request assistance or to ask recovery questions

# One Stop Shop continues service

The One Stop Shop is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the lvy Tech campus near I-65 and highway 311 (I-65 Exit 9). Services include: vouchers for \$300 worth of children's clothing, ID replacement, vehicle information replacement, insurance assistance, vaccination information, unemployment applications, and food stamps.

# **Child Care at One Stop Shop**

CJ's Bus will provide child care at the One Stop Shop from Saturday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CJ's Bus is a safe environment that features activities, crafts and games for kids.

# Transportation to the One Stop Shop

Washington County, March 12, Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation 902 Aspen Drive, Salem

Pickup at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. (EST)
 Call 812-883-5368 for more information.

# Recovered documents, keepsakes

Turn in found pictures, valuable keepsakes or important documents to one of these locations:

#### **Clark County Recorder's Office**

501 East Court Avenue, Room 105, Jeffersonville, M-F, 8:30-4:30, 812-285-6235

#### **Jefferson County Recorder's Office**

300 East Main, Madison, M-F, 8-4, 812-265-8903

#### Ripley County Recorder's Office

Court House, 1st Floor, 115 N. Main Street, Versailles, M-F, 8-4, 812-689-5808

#### **Scott County Recorder's Office**

1 East McClain Ave, #100, M-F, 8:30-4:30, 812-752-8442 Washington County Recorder's Office

99 Public Square, Suite 100, M-F, 8-4, 812-883-4001

# Salvation Army providing short-term financial assistance

March 12-14 - Henryville Sanitation Office March 13 - Otisco Community Church (noon-6 p.m.)

#### **Red Cross assistance**

The Red Cross is available to help those affected by the severe weather and tornados. Call 800-696-3873 for assistance.

# **Daylight Savings Time**

Begins on Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m.

Set your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night

# Ripley County HS debris negative for asbestos

Tests of the debris from the former high school in Holton came back negative for asbestos.

#### Insurance phone numbers

AAA Insurance: 866-209-8442 Acceptance: 800-951-2469 All State: 877-208-0697 American Family Insurance: 866-562-2079

**American National Insurance:** 812-248-9660

Farmers Insurance Group: 812-493-2393

Indiana Farm Bureau: 812-44-8439

Nationwide: 800-421-3535 Progressive: 888-229-4659

**Shelter Mutual:** 

800-SHELTER (743-5837) State Farm: 800-326-2431

#### Insurance assistance centers

• <u>American Family Insurance</u>, Henryville Mobile Customer Service Unit Southwest corner of Hwy 160 and Hwy 31 across from the St. Francis Xavier Church 866-562-2079

• Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance,

New Albany 812-944-8439

Auto Estimating Drive-Ins March 9

4008 Northside Drive Suite 2 New Albany

· State Farm, Henryville

Mobile Customer Service Unit
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Hwy 31 and
Hwy 160, Henryville, IN 47126
Auto Estimating Drive-Ins
Lowes Parking Lot, 1350 Veterans

 Shelter Mutual Insurance Company 7140 Nova Station, Sellersburg,

Parkway, Clarksville, IN 47129

800-743-5837

# Check before digging

Planning to dig by hand or with large equipment? Call 8-1-1 from a landline phone or 800-382-5544 from a cell phone to find the location of underground power lines, phone lines, gas pipes, water pipes, and sewage pipes.

# Property assessments

Your property may need to be reassessed due to damage or due to repairs. Get a 137R form at <a href="www.xsoftin.com/clark">www.xsoftin.com/clark</a> or at the mobile insurance assistance centers.

# The boil order for Henryville has been lifted!

The Clark County Health
Department has had three (3)
separate lab tests to verify
that the order can be lifted.

# Assistance for citizens with developmental disabilities

The Arc of Indiana is offering immediate referral services and assistance to families of a loved one with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who have been impacted by the tornadoes.

Families should contact The Arc of Indiana at 317-224-0276.

The Arc of Indiana is a statewide advocacy group for people with I/DD.

#### Medical services, tetanus shots available

Medical services and tetanus shots area available at the following areas:

#### • Holton Fire Department

40 S. Marion Street Health Services, caseworkers, and mental health services

#### Clark Memorial Medical Center

314 South Ferguson Street First aid and tetanus shots 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# • Washington County Health Department

806 Martinsburg Road

8:30 - 11:30 a.m., 1 - 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** door-to-door service on Whiskey Road and Hurst Road

#### Scott County Health Department

Door-to-door service in the Concord Road, Napp, and Marysville areas on Sat. (3/10) Tetanus shots

#### Scott County Health

Daisy Hill Road on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.— 1 p.m.

# Mental health services available

Thirty professionals are providing assistance to those impacted by the severe weather and tornadoes. Crisis counselors are available in person or on the phone at 866-679-4631.

## Meals, snacks for affected areas

- Clark County: Borden (Mobile unit),
   Henryville (Firehouse, United Methodist
   Church & Mobile unit), Marysville (Mobile
   unit), Nabb (Mobile unit)
- **Jefferson County:** Mobile unit (Sat. & Sun.)
- Charlestown High School 1 Pirate Place
- Chelsea Church of God 6231 S State Road 62, Lexington
- Country Lake Retreat 815 Country Lake Road, Underwood.
- Holton Community Center Dinner on Monday 3/12 and Tuesday 3/13.

# **Curfew remains in place**

Despite media reports, Henryville, Marysville, and Nabb are still under a curfew. From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., travel is restricted to emergency and public safety personnel.

#### Communications in affected areas

- Duracell Power 113 S. Ferguson St.
- The Sprint-Nextel Cellular on Wheels 301
   S. Ferguson Street
- Verizon Wireless Emergency
   Communication 205 Ash St.

# Donations distributed in affected area

Donated items are being distributed during daylight hours at several locations in the affected areas. Supplies will be distributed from the following areas:

- **Monroe Twp. Fire Department -** 315 South Ferguson Street, Henryville
- Chelsea Church 6231 S. SR 62, Lexington, 812-866-5927
- Chelsea General Store 5975 S. State Road 62, Lexington, 812-866-3500
- New Washington Fire Department 23511 Indiana 62, New Washington, 812-293-3311
- St. Francis Catholic Church Henryville
- Marysville Hardware Store 10206 Indiana 3, Marysville, 812-293-3777
- Charlestown High School 1 Pirate Place, Charlestown, 812-256-3328
- Mid-America Science (MAS) Park 821 S. Lake Road South, Scottsburg, 812-752-9521
- Pekin United Methodist Church 244 S. Shorts Corner Cornet Road, 812-967-4682
- Daisy Hill United Methodist Church 812-967-4858
- County Lake Retreat 815 Country Lake Road, Underwood

#### Unneeded shelters closing

Shelters are being closing as the demand for their services decreases. Anyone needing temporary housing should go to the One Stop Shop to make a request.

Residents staying with relatives or friends can also apply for nearby temporary housing until their homes are fixed or rebuilt.

# Local meetings

#### Saturday, March 10, 12 p.m.

Rep. Frye, Ripley Co. EMA Director and Dep. of Insurance Holton Community Building 42 South Marion Street

#### Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Chelsea Church of God State Road 62

# Protect yourself from fraud

When disaster strikes, affected areas can attract individuals engaging in fraudulent activities.

If someone approaches you and says they are with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or any other governmental agency, ask to see their agency identification. <u>ALL</u> FEMA and IDHS personnel have a photo I.D.

If you doubt that someone is who they say they are, contact your local law enforcement right away.

# Farm Service Agency can help during recovery

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides assistance for natural disaster loss, including tornadoes. FSA can assist farmers to recover losses of crops, trees, livestock, farmland and farm property.

For more information, please visit <u>www.FSA.usda.gov</u>.

# **Livestock Carcass Disposal in affected areas**

The Standard Fertilizer Company will dispose of dead livestock carcasses free of charge. Call 800-742-9761 or 812-663-8391.

# Stay connected to get up-to-date information

<u>Disaster recovery</u>: <u>emergency.in.gov</u>

Future newsletters and report damage: DHS.in.gov

Help and information: 2-1-1 Red Cross: 800-696-3873

Find buried wires and pipes: 8-1-1 (landlines) or 800-382-5544

Updates: Text "follow IDHS" to 40404

Twitter: @IDHS

Facebook: Search for Indiana Department of Homeland Security